

COUNTY IS BEHIND

Treasurer Says Clatsop is Eleven Months Behind Cash Basis.

COURT HOUSE THE CAUSE

Semi-Annual Reports of Treasurer Heilburn and County Clerk Clinton Completed and Will Be Read Before County Court Tomorrow.

The semi-annual reports of County Clerk Clinton and County Treasurer Heilburn will be made public at the meeting of the county court on Saturday. Both officials are at work upon their exhibits, which will show the financial condition of the county up to July 1.

Treasurer Heilburn stated today that the county was 11 months behind with its payments—that it is within 11 months months of being on a cash basis. Once before, quite recently, the county was only seven months behind, and Mr. Heilburn was sanguine that the county would soon be paying cash for everything it bought. However, the court house construction set it back four months. There is in possession of the treasurer about \$11,000, the amount required by law to be kept on hand.

Clerk Clinton's report will show that the indebtedness of the county is about \$65,000. Everything considered, this is a good showing. The best showing made in previous years was that for the quarter ended January 1, 1905, when the indebtedness was \$40,000. About \$20,000 was paid out of the general fund on account of the court house construction, and this sum represents the increase in the debt. The supreme court of the state of Oregon has quite recently decided that a county can not have an indebtedness in excess of \$50,000, although in the port of Portland case, which involved identically the same question as that upon which the court house case hinged, the supreme court made an exact opposite ruling. The court house decision has been severely

criticized as one of the poorest supreme court rulings ever made.

The county court has expended considerable money on roads and bridges this year. There is a general road and bridge fund, in addition to the special levies made in the various districts, and this fund has already been exhausted. The present county court is working on a road scheme that will mean a highway forming a circle south of the city, and it is expected that, with the completion of the road, the farming district will become much more popular.

THE DUCKS LAUGHED.

Jim Lee Had Not Killed Them and They Were Happy.

New Brunswick, July 13.—A Chinaman and a Hungarian created a little amusement in court here this morning at the trial of Fred Hermann, of Perth Amboy, accused of stealing four ducks and a rooster from Stephen Czinski last May.

The complainant testified that he found the chickens in a tub of water at the laundry of Jim Lee, the Chinaman, who was a witness for the state. "When I got there I found the ducks laughing," said Czinski, "in the tub, which had water in it."

"Were they dead or alive," asked counsel for the defendant.

"How could they laugh if dead," asked Judge Strong of the lawyer.

"One was killed and the other three ducks were alive," said the witness. "Jim Lee was going to kill them but he had not done it yet."

"That must have been the reason they were laughing," said the judge. Czinski testified that there were no other ducks like his, or no other rooster, and he was sure they were his.

Jim Lee testified to buying the ducks from Martin Anderson for \$1.25 and said he had killed one and eaten it. Anderson said he was with Hermann when he stole them, and they divided the spoils, he taking 60 cents and Hermann 65 cents.

Counsel held that his client could not be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of an accomplice, and Judge Strong thought this the law. Prosecutor Berline thought such a law would save many from conviction, and the case was continued until this point is looked up by the judge.

SAILOR LOST AT SEA

One of Despatch's Crew Washed Overboard and Drowns.

STEAMER VIOLATES THE LAW

Collector Robb Fines Despatch for Failing to Carry List of Passengers and For Inadequate Life-boat Facilities. Aragonia in From Orient.

Loses Man Overboard.

The steamer Despatch, arriving yesterday from San Francisco, reports the loss of a seaman, John Johnson, who was lost overboard during a blow. The Despatch had called in at Shelter Cove, for a cargo of bark, and Monday afternoon, while off Crescent City, encountered a stiff northwester. Johnson was engaged in taking in the foresail when he was knocked into the sea, probably by a swinging boom. Captain Webber saw the man struggling in the water and lines and buoys were thrown to him but he was unable to grasp them and sank from sight. Johnson had joined the steamer on her last trip out of San Francisco and little was known of him, except that he was a native of San Francisco, 28 years of age and unmarried.

Upon her arrival here yesterday the Despatch was fined by Collector of the Port Robb for violation of the federal laws governing shipping. A fine of \$100 was imposed because of her failure to carry a list of passengers, while a fine of \$500 was imposed because of her inadequate life boat facilities. The owners of the steamer will doubtless appeal the case to Washington.

Will Build Two Boats.

New York, July 13.—The American Hawaiian Steamship company has just closed a contract with the Tehuantepec National railway company, of Mexico, through S. Pearson & Co., Limited, of London, the managing directors, for the transportation of all of the business of the steamship company between Atlantic and Pacific ports, over the railroad which will be completed the latter part of next year.

The American-Hawaiian Company, is said to control to a large extent the transportation of sugar from the islands to the United States and now has in commission a fleet of nine steamers with an aggregate cargo capacity of 75,000 tons.

In connection with this agreement President Dearborn stated that his company had ordered two new steamers from the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco. These vessels will have a cargo capacity of 12,000 tons of sugar each and a speed of 12 1/2 knots. They will burn oil.

Aragonia Arrives In.

The oriental liner Aragonia reached port yesterday from the Far East. She brings a cargo of Oriental food stuffs consigned to various cities throughout the country. The master of the Aragonia reports that he had an uneventful trip and that he saw nothing warlike on the voyage. He states that Japan is the poorest place in the world to secure information regarding the war, and that the reticence which has been characteristic of the Japanese still marks their actions. After going through quarantine the Aragonia left up the river.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Columbia arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought a large number of passengers and a full list of freight.

The steamship Roanoke arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought large passenger and freight lists.

The light house tender Manzanita went out yesterday to nearby light stations.

The Gasoline schooner Gerald C. arrived yesterday from Netuma. She brought a cargo of dairy products.

Captain Spier, first officer of the bar dredge Chinook, arrived yesterday from San Francisco, with his bride. He will join the Chinook, which is laid up at Portland.

The Aurelia arrived yesterday from San Francisco and way points. She brought as many passengers as she could carry.

Joseph Cronin, of the quarantine steamer Electro, fell overboard yesterday at the Flavel wharf, but swam to a ladder.

CARBOLIC ACID ENDS NICHOLS' TROUBLES

Portland Man Forges Check and Then Takes His Own Life.

Aberdeen, Wash., July 13.—A man who registered at the Washington hotel July 1 as Ralph Hoyt, Chicago, forged a check on the grocery firm of Maxey & Co., this city, and went to his room and took carbolic acid at 4 o'clock yesterday. He was removed to the hospital where the case was found to be hopeless, and he died at 4 A. M. today. Investigation of his effects showed his registry to be an alias, his true name being Nicholas. In his room scrawled on nearly two dozen sheets of writing paper was a rambling, incoherent letter to his wife, the only clear part of it being the address, Mrs. Amanda Nichols, No. 514 East Oak street, Portland. In it he asked her forgiveness for his action and implored her friends to be good to her. The coroner telegraphed to her address, and she is expected to arrive this afternoon. The man is thought to have been traveling for a tea and coffee house Despondency and a deficit in his account is thought to have been the cause of the rash act.

Detain Jap Barkentine.

Vancouver, B. C., July 12.—Japanese barkentine Hagashi Maru, with a crew of 108 Japanese, is now at Port Simpson for the alleged purpose of catching salmon in Canadian waters. Upon orders from the department of marine and fisheries she has been detained until an investigation can be made.

The Only Way.

Capt. John R. Bicker of Lititz found on the front porch of his residence an umbrella to which was attached the following note: "Dear Friend—I have had this umbrella since July 4, 1876. Please excuse me for not returning it sooner, and have it fixed up as soon as possible, as I may need it again next Fourth. Friendly Yours."

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JULY REDUCTION SALE

Hosiery

LADIES' FANCY COLORED HOSE, in pretty blue and red figured designs. Regular 15c value.

SPECIAL, the pair 10c
Big reduction in all warm weather hosiery. Step in and see the goods. LACE Hose at greatly reduced prices during this sale.

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30c RIBBONS 25c
25c RIBBONS 20c

BIG REMNANT SALE.

In all Summer Goods. Here you may find a dress or a waist for yourself, or a dress for the little girl, just enough material perhaps for the two at the price one usually costs. Don't miss this sale.

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10c EMBROIDERIES @ 2 yards
For 15c
5c EMBROIDERIES @ 5c
5c EMBROIDERIES @ 3c

Sweeping Reductions in Our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT To make room for our Fall line of Millinery. We have the White Duck hats which are all the go just now.

Wash Skirts

At prices less than you can make them for. They must go before our fall goods arrive.



STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Fierce Winds Wreak Destruction In South Dakota.

ONE KILLED, MANY INJURED

Towns of St. Elmo, Burke, Herrick and Gregory Suffer From Storm. Worst in Years. Eleven Persons Hurt, Two Seriously. Buildings Wrecked.

Fairfax, S. D., July 13.—One of the worst storms that ever visited the Rosebud reservation struck the towns of St. Elmo, Herrick, Burke and Gregory, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of eleven others, two of whom may die. At St. Elmo three buildings were destroyed; at Burke and at Herrick, nearby, the entire town was damaged and three stores, a saloon and twenty-seven buildings were entirely destroyed, five persons being injured.

MOTHER OF PEARL.

The Industry of Inlaying It in Precious Woods.

The sole curiosity for sightseers in the city of Hanoi, a town of the French Tonquin, is the industry of inlaying mother of pearl in precious woods. In fact, one street, called the Street of the Inlayers, is given up to the trade. The workmen are genuine artists, combining artistic perception with great manual skill. Furnished with rude tools, but with great patience and skill, these workmen produce articles of great beauty. They have applied the principle of division of labor, or specialization, to their work. The cabinet makers first put together the various parts of the materials to be incrustated. The joining is done without the aid of nails and with a nice system of dovetailing and use of paste, of which lacquer is the base. From this cabinet maker the wood passes into the hands of the designer, who makes sketches for its ornamentation on rice paper.

These designs are transferred to the wood by the inlayer, whose duty it is to choose the pearl that will best serve to bring out the beauty of the design. The mother of pearl is obtained from a large species of shellfish, called casaque, caught chiefly upon the shores of the island of Poulocondar.

The inlayer cuts the pieces of pearl into little bits and chooses the combination of colors which will make the contrast necessary for the artistic success of his work. The iridescence is heightened by the use of pearl dust furnished by a kind of mussel taken from the brooks of that region. When the bits of mosaic are chosen the inlayer tries to give them the form of the design chosen and disposes them as a mosaic in the wood. The crude mosaic is made translucent by pumice stone. The pearl is then fixed in a vise, and the labor of patience begins. Kneeling before the vise, he shapes the pieces with a file no larger than an ordinary color crayon. When the pearl is shaped it is necessary to trench it in the wood. This is ordinarily done by children fourteen or fifteen years old. The bits of pearl are then set in the grooves and fixed with paste. The whole is gently heated to melt the paste and so fill the interstices. The design is then polished, varnished and given the finishing touches. The work has been counterfeited, but never successfully.—New York Herald.

Sunday Excursion to North Beach.

The Ilwaco Railway and Navigation Company are selling round trip tickets every Sunday from Astoria to all cotta, at a rate of one dollar for the points on Long Beach, including Nah-round trip.

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Pears' is both a law and a necessity for toilet and bath.

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\$10.00 to \$18.00

P. A. STOKES

The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men

BANKER TAKES POISON.

San Francisco Club Man Makes Attempt At Suicide.

San Francisco, Cal., July 13. Beverly Letcher, chief loan clerk of the San Francisco savings union, director of the North Shore railway and well known clubman, was found unconscious tonight in his room in a hotel on O'Farrell street from the effects of opium poisoning, taken, it is believed, with suicidal intent. Letcher went to the room yesterday and informed a woman with whom he is said to have been living and who it is reported had declared her intention of leaving him, that he would commit suicide if she refused to live with him longer. Letcher was taken to the emergency hospital where the physicians say he probably will die.

Forced to Starve.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Bucklin's Arnica Salve." It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. At Chas. Rogers' drug store; only 25 cents.

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